

**SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

No one has ever seen God

If we love one another, God lives in us,
and God’s love is perfected in us.

**By this we know the spirit of God:
Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ
In the flesh is of God.**

Children of God, he who is in you is greater
than he who is in the world.

**In the name of God, Three in One,
One in Three, let us worship
In beautiful unity.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Without Seeing You FWS 2206
Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace;
without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust;
turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive.

Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace;
without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

Forever we sing to you of your goodness, O God;
proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love.

Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace;
without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

Blessed Be the Name UMH 63
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of
the Lord!
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the Lord!

PRAYER

**God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes.
Inspire us to deeper communion with you that
we might hear your voice with new hearts,
treat each other in caring ways,
and love one another for the glory of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with
you in the community of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE WORD

PSALTER *Psalms 8* UMH 743

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Jay

SCRIPTURE *Acts 2:41-47* Bobbi Marino

SERMON *A Demonstration Plot* Pastor Jay
*(Koinonia Is Kornerstone or How Nothing Is More
Important to Spirit-Filled Living than Fellowship)*

HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy!* UMH 64
vs 1 & 3

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole
heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness
(1 John 1:9). In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to
God! Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance* Alleluia Ringers

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

THE TABLE

CALL TO THE TABLE

Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may
offer this holy offering in peace.

Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again
and again we thank you and receive your body and blood.
Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon
that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always
felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.**

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *O Church of God, United* UMH 547

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come
up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free
elements.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

are in celebration of Betsy Adams’ 14th birthday
from Bryan, Cindy, and Justin Adams.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

are given by Rob and Lisa Renfroe and are
in memory of Carl Renfroe.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	David and Tina Henson, Susan Johnston, Guy Johnson
Host(s)	Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 22

8:30 a.m. Silent Auction
12:15 p.m. Dedication of Family Life Center (FLC)
12:30 p.m. Crawfish Boil
5:00 p.m. Youth: Mini-Golf

Monday, May 23

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Youth: Faith in Art, 203 Admin Building
6:00 p.m. Youth: Faith in Sports, 201 Admin Building
6:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board, Library

Tuesday, May 24

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, May 25

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside
7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 26

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC
6:00 p.m. Youth: Jam Session, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, May 27

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

Saturday, May 28

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**DON’T FORGET!!
TODAY, IMMEDIATELY AFTER 11 A.M. SERVICE
DEDICATION OF FAMILY LIFE CENTER
CRAWFISH BOIL
SILENT AUCTION**

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

Please share with the prayer team
 Please share with Pastors only
 I desire a call
 I desire a visit

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You may also email a prayer request
to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

“Do not be anxious about anything, but
in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present your
requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children (Names & Ages): _____

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOOD BANK DELIVERY
FRIDAY, MAY 27, 8:30 A.M.
FAMILY LIFE CENTER (GYM)**

**SUMMER STUDY: HOLLYWOOD JESUS
BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 29 - 5 P.M.**

Like Movies? Love Jesus? Then this 4-week study is for you! Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, in the parlor, as we explore some famous movies about Jesus, as well as movies that have nothing to do with Jesus but teach important truths about our faith. (Snacks and movie clips provided.) Childcare available upon request. Contact Deacon Sarah for more information.

FAITH IN ART, FAITH IN SPORTS

Our summer interns, Alex and Nelson, have hit the ground running and are planning quite a few activities for St. John's Youth!

On Mondays at 6 p.m. in room 203 of the Admin Building, Alex will be leading Faith in Art which is open to all youth girls, both high school and middle school! Come enjoy snacks, fellowship, crafts, and Bible readings!

At the same time in room 201, Nelson will be leading a Bible study called Faith in Sports which is open to all youth boys. Come for a time of physical activity and spiritual growth. Snacks and fun times provided! Our first sport will be frisbee.

YOUTH JAM SESSION

Do you like music? Do you play a musical instrument? Do you like to sing? Nelson Williams, our summer intern, is a music major at LSU and wants to share his love of music with St. John's Youth. He is inviting all youth to meet him in the sanctuary on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a time of learning songs, collaborating and playing with other musicians. Bring your instrument of choice. If you have any questions, contact Nelson at nelsonwilliams@stjohnsbr.org.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER MISSION

This summer, June 26-July 1, St. John's Youth will travel to Sunflower, MS, to the Delta Grace Mission where they will not only be assisting the Sunflower UMC with their summer ministry but will also be doing house repairs in the area. They have set a fundraising goal of \$3,000 for the trip.

Next **Sunday, May 29**, during coffee time, you will be able to help support this incredible group of teens by adding your name to the canvass to build their sunflower: a leaf is \$25, a yellow petal is \$50, and a gold leaf is \$100. Let's fill in the Sunflower so the Youth can go share God's love and their talents with God's people.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Mark your calendars! *Cave Quest-Following Jesus the Light of the World* will take place **June 13-17** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Online registration is now open at St. John's website: www.stjohnsbr.org under Upcoming Events. All kids aged 4 years through those completing fifth grade are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help make this week one during which the children will learn about following Jesus - the Light of the World. If you are able to help, please fill out the form inserted in this week's bulletin and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office during regular office hours.

SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."

- 2 Corinthians 5:7

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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



Trinity Sunday

8:30 Worship Service

May 22, 2016

Mission Statement

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.